

**Act No. 19 (S.71). Education; Vermont State Colleges**

**An act relating to governance of the Vermont State Colleges**

This act amends and updates the statutes relating to the Vermont State Colleges' Board of Trustees. The act changes the composition of the 15-member Board by reducing the Governor's nine appointments to five and by authorizing the Board itself to elect four members. It shortens the terms of the Governor's appointees from six to four years, lengthens the Board President's term from one to two years, and removes the prohibition on selecting the student member from the same college for more than two consecutive year-long terms. It authorizes the Board to rename the Vermont State Colleges, so long the Board retains the word "Vermont" in the name. The act also creates a mechanism for removing trustees, and it updates other provisions to conform to current practice, including requiring the Board to adopt policies regarding residency for tuition purposes consistent with State and federal law. It additionally makes several technical corrections.

Effective Date: July 15, 2015